



Motorcycles: Increasing Driver Awareness

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More than two-thirds of the time when cars and motorcycles crash, the driver causes the wreck, not the motorcyclist. Most of the time, the driver didn't see the motorcycle. Here are some tips for motorcyclists to help them stay visible.

1. Don't assume a driver can see you. The primary precautions are: helmets with retro-reflective materials; bright, contrasting clothing; fluorescent vests.
2. In 23 states, motorcyclists must keep their headlight on at all times. It is a good idea everywhere.
3. If you can't see a driver's face in his rear-view mirror, he can't see you, either. Be aware when you are in a blind spot.
4. Use your turn signals and don't make any sudden moves.
5. The most likely situations for a wreck:
 - © A car turning left in front of you.
 - © A driver changing lanes or turning when you are in his blind spot.
 - © Road hazards (potholes, standing water, railroad tracks) that make drivers do something sudden or unexpected.

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